

Filed for intro on 03/02/2000

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 497

By Bittle

A RESOLUTION to honor the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency's hunter safety instructors for their outstanding contributions to the youth of our state.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to specially recognize those Tennesseans who have contributed their time and immeasurable talents to assist in the development of our young people; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency's hunter safety instructors are one such group of people, who have continued this state's time-honored tradition of volunteerism by educating our youth about hunting safety; and

WHEREAS, the TWRA has certified over 987 instructors to teach in Tennessee, with many lending their assistance to Agency staff in the instruction of other hunting courses; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, over 18,731 students participating in 518 classes benefited from hunter safety instruction in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, during the illustrious 51-year history of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, the hunter safety program has played an integral role in the training and development of the thousands of new hunters who "take to the woods" each year; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated instructors have contributed mightily to the success of the hunter safety program in its quest to educate our youth, thus ensuring the integrity of the sport for future generations of Tennessee hunters; and

WHEREAS, for their contributions, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency will award each instructor a certificate denoting their distinguished service to the sport of hunting; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor these outstanding educators, who are most assuredly deserving of special commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency's hunter safety instructors for their honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, and salute them for their unswerving commitment to this state's most treasured natural resource, our youth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.